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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number **Application Number** 09/772,959 Filing Date TRANSMITTAL January 31, 2001 First Named Inventor **FORM** TEIXEIRA, Joseph Art Unit 2616 **Examiner Name** HO, Chuong T. (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) Attorney Docket Number 7059542001 Total Number of Pages in This Submission **ENCLOSURES** (Check all that apply) After Allowance Communication to TC Fee Transmittal Form Drawing(s) Appeal Communication to Board Licensing-related Papers of Appeals and Interferences Fee Attached Appeal Communication to TC Petition Amendment/Reply (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Petition to Convert to a Proprietary Information After Final Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocation Status Letter Affidavits/declaration(s) Change of Correspondence Address Other Enclosure(s) (please Identify Terminal Disclaimer Extension of Time Request below): 1. Renewed Petition For Revival of An Request for Refund **Express Abandonment Request** Unintentitonially Abanondoned Patent Application Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) w/Exh. A CD, Number of CD(s) Information Disclosure Statement Landscape Table on CD Certified Copy of Priority Remarks Document(s) Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Name Bingham McCutchen LLP Signature Printed name Robert C. Bertin Date Reg. No. 41,488 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below: Signature

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Application of: J. TEIXEIRA

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Group Art Unit: 2616

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Examiner: HO, Chuong T.

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SWITCHING DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE SERVICE

# RENEWED PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

#### **Mail Stop Petitions**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Assignee, through the undersigned, respectfully submits this Renewed Petition for Revival of the above-identified application, which has become abandoned for failure to timely respond to the outstanding office action.

In the Denial of Petition, attached as Exhibit A hereto, the Petitions Examiner indicated that the petition was rejected because the original petition lacked a statement that the entire period of delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) was unintentional. Applicant hereby states that the entire period of delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) was unintentional.

The applicant respectfully submits that this Renewed Petition addresses the basis for the denial of the original Petition and respectfully requests reconsideration of the original and Renewed Petition. If any additional fees are required for the consideration of this Renewed Petition, please

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charge such fees to Bingham McCutchen, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4047 (Order No.: 7059542001).

> Respectfully submitted, Bingham McCutchen LLP

Dated: August 15, 2008

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In re Application of Joe TEIXEIRA

Application No. 09/772,959 Filed: January 31, 2001

Attorney Docket No. 7059542001

**DECISION ON PETITION** 

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 28, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

#### The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of January 05, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that prima facie places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2). No extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 were timely obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is April 06, 2007.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item(s) (3) in that statement about the delay being unintentional included with the petition is not acceptable. The unintentional delay statement by attorney Bertin is silent as to the nature of delay from the date the replay was due until the filing of a grantable petition. The petitioner is urged to consider using the form PTO/SB/64 available at www.uspto.gov.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988).

Since the \$525 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on February 28, 2008 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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